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1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION'S EFFORTS TO KEEP SCOPE AND NATURE OF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES MANAGEABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO BROADER EFFORT IN ALLIED CONSULTATIONS AS DEFINED BY
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NAC AND SPC. IN COMING WEEKS, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE ES-

PECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR MISSION, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO SEEK TO CHANNEL EFFORTS OF WORKING GROUP TO A REALISTIC WORK PROGRAM WHICH IS NOT OVERLY AMBITIOUS, IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO PREPARATION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AS NOW PLANNED, AND WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING RAPID ALLIED AGREEMENT TO AN APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON US PROPOSALS.

2. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR MEETING SEPTEMBER 11.

3. NEW SHAPE ASSESSMENT. WE WILL COMMENT AFTER MORE STUDY.

4. COMBAT CAPABILITY. YOU MAY ACCEPT WORKING GROUP DRAFT AS TECHNICAL STUDY, ALTHOUGH YOU SHOULD SEEK TO CHANGE PARA 11 (A) ("THE ALLIED APPROACH TO MBFR SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON MANPOWER ALONE, BUT SHOULD BE CLEARLY ASSOCIATED

WITH COMBAT CAPABILITY AS WELL") TO READ, "ALLIED APPROACHSHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF COMBAT CAPABILITY AS WELL." REASON IS THAT "ASSOCIATING" APPROACH WITH COMBAT CAPABILITY WOULD SEEM TO PREJUDGE FORM OF ALLIED PRESENTATION OF APPROACH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE NEEDED.

6. US VERIFICATION PAPER. WE CANNOT GIVE EXACT DATE BY WHICH PAPER WILL BE SENT TO MISSION, BUT ARE WORKING TO GET IT FINISHED SOONEST.

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